

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Brockton," Cole said regarding those honored. "It shows tonight with you being here. Thank you for everything you do."

Each of the council members also thanked the citizens for all the time and effort they give to help the Town of New Brockton. They said it is greatly appreciated.

Council member Jeff White, who also serves on the town's water board, encouraged citizens to either come by or call the New Brockton Town Hall if they do not receive their monthly water bill. He said the town has had a few complaints from customers that they did not receive a bill after their water was turned off for non-payment.

White said the customers know they should receive a bill, therefore, if someone does not receive a bill on month, he/she should either call or come by the town hall.

Mayor Cole said the water bill is late as of the 15th of each month and subject to be cut off.

CITIZEN OF TOMORROW

(Correction)

Editor's Note: This picture originally published with wrong parent information because the form (given to The Elba Clipper staff) was filled out incorrectly.



Tanner, age 2, is the son of Karen Luckenbaugh and Eddie Sanders.

after the 25th of the month for nonpayment.

"We know we've got a water bill coming, and we know we've got to pay the bill," Cole said. "If you've got some sort of problem, call us before it's (water) turned off."

In other business, The citizens of New Brockton were encouraged to attend a National Day of Prayer service Thursday, May 5, at 12 Noon, at the town's park. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the New Brockton Town Hall.

* Council member Richard Driskell said the town's fire department will be conducting a fund raiser through Saturday, May 7. He said a representative for the fund raiser will be going door-to-door asking for donations for the New Brockton Fire Department. An incentive will be given to those who participate with a donation.

* Council member approved an ordinance for storage of impounded vehicles.

Mayor Cole said the housing rehabilitation project is moving along. He said 19 of 22 applicants have qualified for the project, and work has already started.

* It was announced that the Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program Coupon Information

Program provides low-income senior citizens age 60 and up with coupons which can be redeemed for fresh fruit and vegetables at local farmers markets and some roadside stands. Eligible seniors affiliated with Enterprise or Elba Housing Authority, Coffee County Sr. Centers or Port Myaca Housing will receive coupons at those facilities.

All others who qualify may pick up coupons in New

EHS Class of 1947 enjoys 58th anniversary of graduation

The Elba High School class of 1947 gathered at the Old South Inn in Elba on April 21 to celebrate the 58th anniversary of their graduation. Of the 71 members who graduated on May 23, 1947, 22 were able to attend and renew old friendships. There were 20 who were deceased, two were unable to attend due to poor health, and one, Betty Mims could not be located. Several classmates could not attend due to prior commitments.

Class President Wynell Chapman Myers welcomed the class with a humorous poem that created the right mood for the party. Classmates shared numerous tales of their days at Elba High. Most involved encounters with the principal, "Fessor" Dixon and several of the teachers: Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Althea Prescott, Mrs. Kendrick, and Mrs. Dunaway. It seems no matter how many difficulties the class members had with the faculty, all had pleasant memories of the high school years.

Spouses of class members feel they are part of the class, also. Many friendships have been developed over the years as they attended the reunions. All classmates have expressed a desire to locate Betty Mims, and hope someone will be able to provide information to enable us to contact her. Classmates present at the



Pictured Left to Right (Seated): Sarah Poole Sullivan, Chris Bouyer Jacobs, Nell Helms Hare, Frances Watkins Vaughan, Kate Maddox Hale, Lorene Reeves Roberson, Doris Dawkins Galloway; (Second Row) Donald Kelley, Gennette Fleming Kendrick, Grady Thomas, Siburline Walker Modlin, Wynell Chapman Myers; (Back Row) James Roy Fuller, John Willkerson, Donald Lee, Jim Farris, Fred "Pete" Martin, Pat Morrow, Paul L. English. Not Pictured: Sara Dyess Sharpless.

reunion were: Jim Farris, James Roy Fuller, Gennette Fleming Kendrick, Pat Morrow, Sara Dyess Sharpless, Ann Dunaway Gamblin, Lillian Baker Taylor, Fred (Pete) Martin, Doris Dawkins Galloway, Kate Maddox Hale, Paul L. English, John Willkerson, Sarah Poole Sullivan, Chris Bouyer Jacobs, Frances Watkins Vaughan,

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Zack Ward takes first in public speaking contest

Zack Ward recently won first place in the 4-H Public Speaking contest and went on to win second place in the county contest.

There were approximately 25 young men and women in the county contest.

Zack is a student at Zion Chapel Elementary School. He is the son of Keith and Teresa Ward and has one sister, Heather. The family resides in Jack, Ala.

Zack's grandparents are Jimmy Ray and Betty Sue Ward of Jack and Johnny and Edna Dunn of Brundidge, Ala.



Zack Ward

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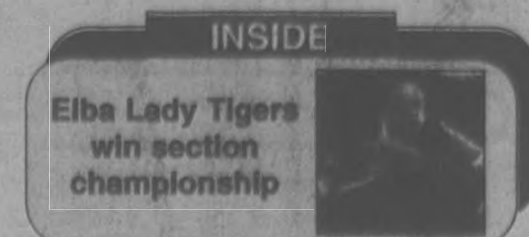
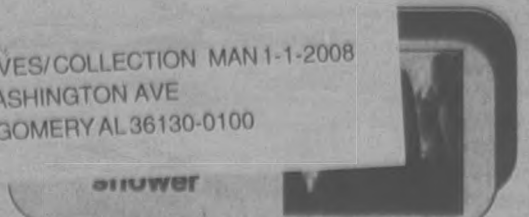


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Commission approves measures to improve safety of intersection

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission responded Monday, May 9, to the request of many county residents during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission when it unanimously approved accepting half the cost for the erection of a

section or trying to get out onto State Highway 134 from one of the county roads. It is almost impossible to see oncoming traffic while trying to turn onto the state highway and the stop signs on the county roads are not noticeable until you have already approached them. There have been numerous accidents and several fatalities at this intersection. The following people who have signed this petition ask that immediate action be taken to help insure this type of tragedy will not occur again.

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Mobile Attic Inc. announces five new franchise locations

Mobile Attic Inc., a leading provider of portable storage for residential and commercial customers in the Southeast, announced this week that franchise sales are up. Mobile Attic is fueling their growth by achieving notoriety and market share as Mobile Attic continues to open franchises across the country with qualified partners. Mobile Attic has added five new franchise locations: Nashville, Tennessee; Madisonville, Kentucky; Columbus, Georgia; Tampa, Florida; and Shreveport, Louisiana.

"We met our first quarter expectations for 2005 as our goal has been to steadily increase our franchise growth by adding two new locations each month," said Josh Wilson, vice-president of Mobile Attic. "We are extremely pleased with the significant growth realized in the Southeast over the past year. I attribute this success to our aggressive marketing strategy to directly target the business owner and more specifically the self-storage owner."

Mobile Attic began actively targeting the self-storage owner one year ago after aggressively entering the portable self-storage industry. Today, Mobile Attic is quickly becoming the premier supplier of portable storage and storage solutions in the country, and is gaining respect and increased market share as it continues to exceed its goals by opening new storage facilities

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Jewish Heritage Week proclaimed by president

by Nancy Williams Petrey & Janice Horowitz Bell

President Bush has proclaimed the week of May 8 through 15 as Jewish Heritage Week, saying, "we celebrate and honor Jewish Americans for their contributions to this country and for helping to shape our national character... America is stronger and more hopeful because of the industry, talent, and imagination of Jewish Americans from around the world. Their commitment to excellence in science, public service, law, athletics, literature, and countless other fields has enriched our Nation and enhanced our culture."

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County becomes victim of another bridge burning

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell delivered bad news Monday, May 9, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission when he announced the county again became victim to a bridge burning.

In early January, a timber bridge on Coffee County Road 365 was completely destroyed by fire. Early Monday morning (May 9) of this week another wood bridge was heavily damaged by fire. In both cases, officials believe the destruction was caused by arson.

The most recent bridge fire on Coffee County Road 323 (a dirt road) was reported early Monday morning, May 9, and volunteer fire fighters with the Zion Chapel Fire Department were able to extinguish the flames before the entire bridge burned. However, Tindell said the bridge is a four-span bridge, and it seems three spans were damaged by the fire.

Tindell said he is afraid the county may have a serial arsonist loose since the circumstances of this week's fire resemble those of the January bridge fire. Commission chairman Doug Dillmeyer offered a motion for the commission to ask Attorney General Troy King to ask Governor Bob Riley for permission to offer a reward for the capture and arrest of the person(s) responsible for these crimes.

In Dillmeyer's motion he indicated the commission will ask for permission to offer \$10,000 or the maximum amount allowed for crimes meeting that type crime.

During Elba City Council meeting

City Clerk reports replacement of manholes on Claxton Avenue and Larkin Road

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council handled business swiftly Monday evening, with little discussion or debate. The only split vote came on approving the minutes of the last meeting. Council member Tom Hooks didn't remember the motion to name Freddy Hanchey as Police Chief included a waiver of the requirement that he live in the city limits. The mayor and other council

members said it was included and the minutes were not changed. Hooks had voted against the motion to hire two weeks ago and Monday voted against approving the minutes of that meeting.

The council approved buying a new police car to be used as a chief's car. It will be funded as a budget item from the Capitol Outlay Fund as adopted in October. The car will be purchased from the state bid list and will cost less than \$20,000, according to Mayor James Grimes.

Two months ago the council bought three new patrol cars after then, chief R. W. Whitworth had asked for five cars including a new chief's car. Those three cars were purchased with a portion of a bond issue.

Chief Hanchey reported the police department has received a portion of the national grant "Click It or Ticket" and officers will be working overtime during the next month, ensuring compliance with seat belt laws. He also reported another patrolman, Ashley Paul, has resigned from the force.

Monthly bills totaling \$91,310.47 were approved for payment.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham

reported contractors would be replacing manholes on Claxton Avenue and on Larkin Road beginning immediately. These are old manholes which have collapsed and are allowing storm water into the sewer system. The total cost of replacing the two is \$34,000.

The council approved the mayor's recommendation to expend these funds. Grimes explained that some sewage lines have been rerouted around the Claxton Street manhole so residents can continue to have sewer service while the repairs are underway.

Grantham also reported city crews are busy repairing streets which were undermined during the heavy rains of April.

Ruby Johnson, who lives at 2734 Hickman Avenue, asked about the process of getting trees trimmed around her house. Grimes explained city crews can legally only trim limbs from trees on private property when the limbs are endangering City of Elba utility lines. He promised to send someone to check her situation, also noting that the power lines near her home may belong to Covington Electric.

Councilman Ronnie Hammond also agreed to check on the situation with Mrs. Johnson.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA ELEMENTARY D.A.R.E. PROGRAM GRADUATION will be Thursday (TODAY), May 12, at 9 a.m. at Elba Elementary School.

THE ZION CHAPEL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER (ZCLC) EXTENDED-DAY PROGRAM will present a spring program entitled "Your Child is a Star" on Tuesday, May 19. The evening will begin with a PTO meeting and conclude with the Extended Day presentation. PTO will begin at 6 p.m. The program will be a showcase for the work that students, kindergarten through eighth grade, have done in the ZCLC Extended-Day Program since it began in the fall. Everyone is invited.

THE COFFEE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 23. The meeting will be conducted in the community room at the Coffee County Commission, Claxton in New Brockton, Ala. This meeting is required by Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986). For additional information, please contact the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at (334) 894-5415. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Citizens of Elba joined those across the nation by participating in the National Day of Prayer last Thursday, May 5. More than 50 people gathered at the flagpole outside the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba along with local officials and pastors. The prayer service was sponsored by the Elba Ministerial Alliance. Prayer was offered for the nation, state, youth, city, churches and military.

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to the polls to vote, they voted for the current commissioners because they felt they were the ones to get the job done.

"We come here today for your full cooperation with this project," Harrison said. "This (speaking of the tragic accident on April 19) inspired all of us to get together. It's time you consider saving lives at this intersection."

Harrison said ever since the April 19th accident there have been numerous county and state officials at the intersection. She said the concerned citizens are encouraged by the action, and it seems everything is coming together.

"We feel like you want to do the right and just thing," she said. "We do not like to see people harmed there...killed. When it came to our front door, we decided to wake up."

Harrison said when all officials have done what they can do, the concerned citizens will thank them.

County engineer Randy Tindell said he and commissioner Robert Stephens met with state DOT officials. He said the state is willing to pay half of the cost of the erection of a caution light at the intersection if the county will pay the other half, as well as sign an agreement indicating the county will maintain the light forever and pay the electricity costs.

The cost for the erection will be \$9,033. The county's half will be \$4,516.

Commissioner Stephens said it also is his understanding the state highway department is going to cut down the sides of the road at the intersection.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks offered a motion with a second from Stephens to accept the agreement with the state for the erection of the caution light, as well as, install rumble strips on county roads 545 and 603 approaching the stop signs.

Commissioners J.L. Weeks and Doug Dalrymple wondered if the county was acting prematurely Monday morning.

Harrison had said in her presentation that the petitions were mailed to the governor last Saturday. She said his office should have received the petitions Monday.

Dalrymple offered an amendment to wait until the petitions reach the governor's office and see if the state will step up and take responsibility. His motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion made by Brooks passed with a unanimous vote.

Besides the rumble strips on the county roads, Tindell said his department also wants to go in and remove some brush along the roadway. He said hopefully this will allow motorists to see the stop sign from a greater distance.

Commissioners ended a debate regarding a public rural transportation system for Coffee County Monday morning when the motion to accept the program was defeated.

Commissioner Brooks offered a motion to take the public transportation issue off the table and bring it to a vote. He received a second from Stephens, and the motion to remove from the table passed unanimously.

The original motion, made a couple of months ago, for Coffee County to accept a rural transportation system then came to a vote. It failed to pass with a 1-5-1 vote. Only commissioner Brooks voted in favor.

Commissioner Stephens abstained from the vote to avoid any type of conflict of interest. In other business, commissioners:

* Approved waiving the rental fee for the farm center for the Coffee County Baptist Association on June 18th when it jointly sponsors a God and Country Rally.

* Approved a motion to accept a bid from Harris Security Systems in the amount of \$40,770 for video security equipment for the two county courthouses. The bid also accepted an additional camera option of \$450.

* Commissioner Linda Westbrook shared a card she received in mail from a resident thanking the county for the great job it does in maintaining roads.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, May 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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* COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

* LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Center

* ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

* AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

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* COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

* COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn

* ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport

* AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

* ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

* NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Obituaries

MINNIE RUTH (COOK) MATTHEWS

Mrs. Minnie Ruth (Cook) Matthews, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, May 6, 2005, at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held May 9, 2005 at Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Billy Redd officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Matthews was preceded in death by her husband, Hollis Matthews; brother, Audley Cook; two sisters, Odell Sturdivant and Connie Pearl Helms.

Survivors include one daughter, Lois Eldredge, Elba, one son, Charles Ray Matthews (wife, Pasty), Elba; one sister, Pauline (husband, Clyde) Burroughs, Gordo, Ala.; three brothers, Daniel W. (wife, Hazel) Cook, Northport, Ala., Lester Cook, Enterprise, Ala., and Awford (wife, Silvia) Cook.

Seima, Ala.; four grandsons and seven great-grandchildren.

BILL CROWELL

Mr. Bill Crowell, age 63 died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, in a Dothan hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 12, at Keahey Funeral Home of Chapel. Rev. Frankie McVay

and Rev. Bill Fritchett will officiate. The interment will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Masonic Rites. Keahey Funeral Home will be directing.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Crowell, one daughter and son-in-law: Lisa (Steve) Duebelt, one son: Phillip Crowell, all of Andalusia; four grandchildren;

his mother: Lessie Crowell of Andalusia; brothers and sisters-in-law: Bob (Carolyn) Crowell, New Brockton, Bryant (Rochelle) Crowell, Jay Fla., Ben (Joyce) Crowell, Andalusia; sister and brother-in-law: Bonita (Leo) Head, Opp; mother-in-law: Myrtle Lee

Kelley of Elba, sister-in-law & brother-in-law: Tina and Billy Morgan of Elba; brother-in-law: Lamar Kelley;

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Crowell and brother Braxton Crowell.

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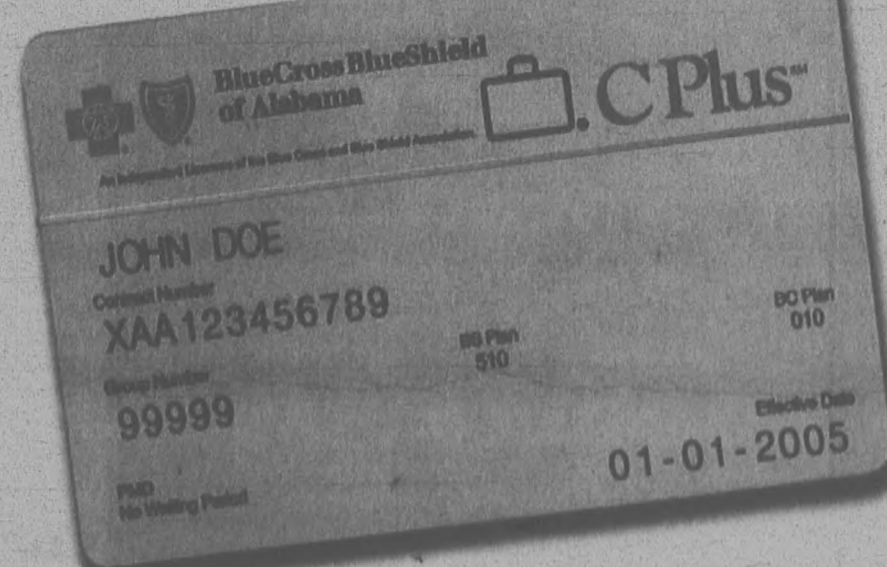
WOOD ROOF & FLOOR TRUSSES

Work day to be held at Southern Heritage flower garden

Work on the Southern Heritage flower garden in the front yard of the old Folsom house and old jail is underway and you are invited to participate on Saturday, May 14, 9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Work will include preparing the flowerbeds and getting the walkway ready for bricks when they are cleaned. Needed are plants that are at least 50 years old that are grown from seed or cuttings. These include the hydrangeas, crepe myrtle, roses, sweet shrubs, bulbs of all kinds, philox., petunias, larkspur, sunflower, etc. Just think of things that were growing in yards before 1950. If residents have flowers they want to share and can't come on May 14th, give Nell Gilmer a call at 897-1255 and she'll come dig them up.

The public is invited to come participate in creating a beautiful flower garden on Joint Hands Day on May 14.

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BRAC STOPS With Fern Cox

Our Alabama Legislature is dangerously close to ending the regular session without budgets being passed. The education budget is before the governor and he may well veto it... it has been suggested. The General Fund Budget has not passed the Senate due to a multitude of problems. With one day left there are a number of danger spots which must be overcome in order for everything to get passed. If the governor vetoes the education budget, that will bring on a big fight... which will not be solved in one day. If agreement is not reached on several fronts (budget and otherwise) during these off days, the General Fund fight will continue - all day and not pass before the clock runs out on that last day of the session. Then the taxpayers will be hit with what is estimated to be an extra \$500,000 cost for a special legislative session, because there must be a state budget, this is not a federal issue which can rock on for years with "continuing resolutions". The half million dollar cost estimate is probably on the low side of reality.

The dreaded day of the announcement from Washington on which military bases (BRAC) will be recommended for closing is Friday. Like hundreds of other communities, those in the Wiregrass don't want to imagine life without Ft. Rucker (and the related dollar impact). In fact that fear is so strong, most people have decided Rucker is just too important (to the military) for it to be closed. In fact us "smart" folks are convinced Ft. Rucker's mission should be expanded! Hopefully it is true, but remember that statement about military importance is being repeated in communities around military bases all over America.

The bright light in the pending BRAC announcement is the recent talk of scaling back the stateside base closures due to the pending pullback of some troop units which have been stationed in Europe and Asia since WWII. We wondered aloud right here in this column months ago if that wouldn't be the smart thing to do. Great minds do seem to work together, even if it takes the government decision makers longer to catch the wave!

Heddy and I had been talking about and planning to walk the new walking trail on the levee, but always found excuses to postpone the trek. Well Sunday afternoon we hit the road - getting on the levee off Claxton Avenue and following it all the way around to Dorsey Trailers. Our trip started before the asphalt trail began and went on beyond it... we got a full dose. From U. S. 84 at Dorsey, we cut through Mulberry Heights and back to our home on Claxton Ave. It took about an hour... maybe a bit more. We got hot, but not overly so, as the weather is still mild. Most parts of town Heddy had never seen from the back side and she commented several times that it looked different from the rear. It does.

Our good deed for the week was to weeding cemetery lots "back home" Saturday afternoon. I went fine until one clump of weeds near a gravestone was infested with hidden fire ants. We found them (no they found us) immediately after removal of the weeds and while our first old lady back was still bent over and the left hand was after some more of the offending plants. Ouch! It would be nice to report that we said, "Gee golly, gee whiz, that stings!" but more than likely if the birds could talk, they would say our words were quite a bit harsher.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 2, 2005, investigated the following incidents: two for domestic violence, two for criminal mischief, one for criminal trespassing, three for theft of property, two for harassing communications, two for harassment, one menacing, one burglary, one accidental damage to a vehicle, one drug overdose, one nonstop, one found property.

The following arrests were made: one for domestic violence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for speeding, one for driving with an expired driver's license, one for an expired tag and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MAY 2 - River stage - 1074 feet (6:00 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1710 Jones St. (2:00 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1121 Farris Ave. (6:39 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1855 Hickman Ave. (11:26 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 3 - Robbery (person) reported in the parking lot of Big/Little East (12:24 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 - Burglary reported at 1535 N. Claxton Ave. (11:44 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at 745 Lee St. (10:18 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 5 - River stage - 817 feet (7:18 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported in front of Dorsey's (2:08 p.m.); Private property accident reported at 1584 Caroline St. (5:33 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1100 Hickman Ave. (11:26 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 7 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2351 Hickman Ave. (9:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 197 Clark Ave. (1:35 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Farris Ave. (4:29 p.m.); Burglary reported at 858 Washington Ave. (9:05 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at Morrow Village in the park (9:37 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Court St. (10:37 p.m.); Fight in progress reported on Jackson St. (11:16 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 8 - River stage - 639 feet (7:00 a.m.); Prowler reported at 126 Adkinson Ave. (11:33 p.m.).

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6 months - \$11
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FOCUS ON FACTS

East Meets West

It was a sunny May afternoon in Promontory Summit, Utah. At 12:47 P.M. Leland Stanford raised his sledgehammer and took a swing at the spike. He missed. The crowd howled in delight. Stanford swung again. This time he hit it.

Within seconds, telegraph operators relayed a one-word message to New York and San Francisco. "Done." It was May 10, 1869, and Leland Stanford had just driven the last spike into the transcontinental railroad.

In 1860, four businessmen in Sacramento, California had created a company called the Central Pacific Railroad. Its purpose was to build and run a railroad that linked California with the rest of the country. Two years later, another company called the Union Pacific Railroad was formed in Omaha, Nebraska. After Congress offered the company financial incentives in the Pacific Railroad Bill of 1862, the Central Pacific started laying tracks in early 1863. In 1865, the Union Pacific began laying tracks, heading west from Omaha. For each mile of track completed, the respective companies earned a federal subsidy ranging from \$16,000 to \$48,000.

Schedule for the transcontinental railroad, the greatest engineering feat of the nineteenth century took only six. When the two lines joined at Promontory Summit, the Union Pacific had laid 1,086 miles of track, while the Central Pacific had laid 690 miles. The \$136 million project meant that the journey from New York to California no longer took six months. It took six days.

With a transcontinental railroad, western beef, fruit and vegetables, coal, and other products, could reach eastern markets in a matter of days. Land that settlers had considered wasteland opened for settlement. The American frontier, known as the line beyond which there were no settlers, disappeared within twenty years.

It all happened because of one engineer's vision and perseverance. His name was Theodore Judah. He mapped the route across the Rockies, and was the driving force behind the creation of

the Central Pacific Railroad.

It was Judah who persuaded the four Sacramento businessmen, Colin Huntington, Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins, and Charles Crocker to each invest \$1,500 to found the CPRR company in

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Billy Redd - Pastor

Elba 1st Assembly of God

During these past few months the Lord has dealt with me over and over again concerning the subject of obedience to Him. That reminded me of billboard signs we would see concerning GOD; one such sign said, "What about THOU SHALT NOT do you not understand?" Indicating to us that if GOD says do not do a certain thing, then we should not do it. Simple! But many times it seems that people struggle with the same old sinful "habits" time and time again. But if within God's Word we find instruction that tells us we should not be deceived into disobeying God's commands, it stands to reason that somewhere down the road we will have to give account for our actions.

The child of God must realize that if we are to give account unto God for every idle word we speak, then surely we will be held accountable for our actions when we knowingly do not obey God. Notice the sternness in the statement by Jesus in Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

When we compare that verse with Ephesians 5:27 that says Jesus is going to expect the church, of which all born-again people are a part of, to be "without spot or wrinkle," don't you agree that we should be real serious and careful about how we live this life for God?

Serving God is enjoyable and fun, but it does require of us to be responsible.



BARBARA TILLIS, AN ASSOCIATE WITH WAL-MART, PRESENTS KAY WILSON, director of the Elba Public Library, with a grant check from Wal-Mart for \$10,000.

WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.	Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Worship Service... 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service... 7:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
SAMSON, ALA.	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Richard Thors, Sr. Pastor	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.	Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service... 7:00 p.m.
ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH	DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Pastor: Don Gramham
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:15 p.m.	Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:15 p.m.	Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Nathan Carroll - Pastor	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.	Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Rev. Phillip Copes, Pastor	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. David Tadok
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
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BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Tom Sims, Pastor	Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
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BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH	Pastor: Rev. Billy Redd
Robert Davis, Pastor	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.	Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.
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Rev. Martha Barter	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Church Service... 9:45 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays... 9:45 a.m.	Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
3rd & 5th Sundays... 9:45 a.m.	Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
2nd & 4th Sundays... 10:00 a.m.	E. R. Hill, Minister
3rd & 5th Sundays... 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School... 12:00 noon
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 9:45 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays... 10:00 a.m.	Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
3rd & 5th Sundays... 10:00 a.m.	Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) 6:00 p.m.
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH	Mart Gray, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 9:45 a.m.	Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Working and trust fund meeting planned at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church.

There will be a cemetery working and trust fund meeting at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church Saturday, May 14, 2005. The trust fund meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. The church is located on Coffee County Highway 228 near Victoria. All concerned people please attend!

Calvary Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing

Calvary Baptist Church located at Highway 189 North will host a Gospel Singing, Saturday Night, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Wilkerson Family. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mt. Pisgah Church of God to have an outdoor Gospel Singing

An outdoor gospel sing will be held at Mt. Pisgah Church of God, Saturday, May 14th. Special singers are Higher Ground from Brewton, Ala., Southern Tradition from DeFuniak Springs, Fla., and Good News Singers from Opp. Fish, hush puppies and other food will be served. Singing begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs! For more information call 493-4965.

Homecoming to be observed at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Mt. Zion Baptist Church will hold a Homecoming service Sunday, Rev. Milfred Johnson will bring the message. Old

Gospel Singing set for Saturday, May 14th at Glenwood Assembly of God will be hosting a Gospel Sing Saturday, May 14th at 7 p.m. This event will be featuring Southern Comfort from Honorville, Ala.

The Mustard Seed Foundation church to have gospel singing

The Mustard Seed Foundation Church will have a gospel singing and covered dish supper Saturday, May 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Monticello Blue Grass will be the guest singing group. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish.

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church presents Sacred Harp Singing School

Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 82, approximately seven miles north of Elba, will host a Sacred Harp Singing School beginning Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m. The school will be held nightly during the week at 7 p.m. The teacher will be Paul King.

The only cost of the school will be the book for those who do not already have it. Books will be available for purchase at the school.

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA

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SCRIPTURE: 3:16

***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: The Williams Family, Rev. E. Freney, Tiffany Kelley, Mattie Rodgers, Paul Belcher, Mattie Belcher, Lizzie Tyson

***MAY BIRTHDAYS & IN MEMORIES OF: Milton Belcher-May 10, Gwen Berry - May 10, Onnie B. Wade-May 12 (I.M.O.), Edward Tills-May 12 (I.M.O.), Jana Kelley-May 15

***13th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY: Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba, will celebrate their 13th church anniversary Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Paul Phillips from New Bethel A.M.E. Church, Geneva, Ala. Everyone is invited to attend.

***20th ANNIVERSARY FOR REV. A.R. WILLIAMS: minister of SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (Trenton Community) to be held Sunday, May 15th. Theme: *A pastor sent by God*. At the 11:00 a.m. service the guest speaker will be Rev. W.A. Edwards, pastor of Star Hope Church in Luverne. A service will also be held at 2:00 p.m., and Rev. A.C. Johnson from Shiloh Baptist Church in Troy, will be the speaker.

***WELCOME TO THE 43RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAVELING STARS OF OPP, ALA. The celebration will be held Saturday, May 21 & 22 at the Southeast District Singing Convention Building on County Rd. 377, 3.5 miles west of Danley Cross Roads, Elba.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

ERIA

LIFESTYLES



L. to R: Edna Sue Stinson, Nellie Hudson, Charlotte Anderson, Kristen Mayberry - honoree, Yvette Welch and Martha Nell Corkins

Miss Mayberry honored with Miscellaneous Shower

Dale Moseley's Studio was the setting for a Miscellaneous Shower held on Sunday afternoon May 1, 2005 from 1:30 until 3 p.m., in honor of Dustin Stinson and his fiancée, Kristen Mayberry. Guests were greeted at the entranceway with a lovely wreath of ivy and white wedding bells, topped off with a pink bow. The registration table was covered with a white linen tablecloth adorned with a bouquet of pink and white anemones. An elegant silver bowl of pink and white roses also adorned the room. The serving table was covered in a beautiful ivory and pink embroidered cutwork tablecloth over pink skirt. A crystal bowl was used to serve the punch and was decorated with delicate greenery and tiny pink roses. Other crystal pieces were used to serve petit fours, cheese straws, mints, and nuts. Pretty pastels of green and yellow covered two of the tables used to display the gifts. A white cloth draped with netting was used on a third table which displayed their china and crystal. Many friends and relatives dropped by to extend their best wishes.



Kimberly Denise Jordan
Kimberly Jordan graduates from Troy University

The Chancellor, faculty, and the graduating class of Troy University announce the graduation of Kimberly Denise Jordan on Friday, the sixth of May, Two Thousand Five. Kimberly was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology with a Minor in Criminal Justice. Kimberly is a member and treasurer of the National Psychological Honor Society, Psi Chi, and has maintained the Chancellor's Academic Scholarship for the full four years. Kimberly is a 2001 graduate of Zion Chapel High School receiving honors as Salutatorian. Following graduation, Kimberly plans to pursue her Master of Science Degree in Forensic Psychology and Counseling.

She is the daughter of Will and Sandy Jordan of Elba and the granddaughter of Beatrice Fleming of Florals and Onzie Davis of Paxton. Concerning her accomplishments, Kimberly believes, God Almighty has brought her; the love of family has supported her; the joy of friendship has uplifted her; and with the guidance given by the Holy Spirit, she has arrived.

Beulah School Reunion for this year has been canceled

The 8th annual Beulah School Reunion for 2005 has been canceled! The next reunion will be held June 2006. For more information contact Faye Nelson at (334)997-5305. Everyone is invited to attend next year's reunion that is interested.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

NEW ARRIVAL

JACKSON DAVID STOKES

Jake and Kelly Stokes of Canton, N.C., announce the birth of Jackson David Stokes on May 5th, 2005. Jacky was born at 12:23 p.m., weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are David and Susie Stokes of Elba, and Dave and Jean Brannon of Spartanburg, S.C. Great-grandmothers are Frances Prior and Carolyn Stokes, both of Elba.



BOBBY YANCE AND DOYLE LEE, both residents of the Elba Nursing Home, exchanged vows Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 2 p.m. Many family members, friends, residents and staff were there to share in their special day.

THE MAGNOLIA HOME AND GARDEN CLUB held their May meeting at The Old South Inn where they had lunch and inducted officers for the coming year. Pictured left to right are new officers Sybil Hahn, Recording Secretary; Louise Hudson, Vice-President; Marlene Willis, President and Historian; Aline Lee, Treasurer; Ann Miles, Corresponding Secretary and (not pictured) Miriam Farris, Parliamentarian.

Clyde L. Sadle

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock &
Kayla Kelley

E.H.S. Student Spotlight

by Brittney Clark

This week's student spotlight is Kaleb Dyess. He is the 18-year-old son of Lance and Benita Dyess.

Kaleb is involved in SGA, FFA, VICA, Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta, and is the Secretary of the EHS Ambassadors and an EHS football player. Kaleb's hobbies include hunting (he especially loves turkey hunting), fishing and spending time with friends and family.

After graduation he plans to attend Troy University and graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree then transfer to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to become an



Kaleb Dyess

orthodontist. Congratulations, Kaleb, on being this week's student spotlight.



PICT OF THE WEEK (by Katie Cash)...Man Overboard!!!

Did You Know?...

by Kristi Spinks

A whip makes a cracking sound because its tip moves faster than the speed of sound.

Walt Disney got the idea for Mickey Mouse from watching mice play in a garage, where he was forced to work, because he could not afford to rent an art studio. Alfred Hitchcock did not have

a belly button. It was eliminated when he was sewn up after surgery.

Fish scales are an ingredient in most lipsticks.

"Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

Andalusia/Greenville/MacArthur

Regular Registration
May 23, 2005 - 1st Session/Evening
June 28, 2005 - 2nd Session

Late Registration
Drop/Add Period:
May 24-25, 2005 - 1st Session/Evening
June 29-30 - 2nd Session

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Elba Elementary students get lesson in building rockets

by Stephanie Corder

On April 28, 2005, the Elba Elementary School's 5th and 6th grade talent pool and a selection of 10 sixth graders had the opportunity of building rockets.

Greg Corder, who has been building rockets with the elementary school for seven years, taught them teamwork and how to follow directions.

After building, gluing and cutting, they let the rockets dry overnight. The next morning, the entire sixth grade class enjoyed a show of these talented students shooting off their rockets.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Varsity team outscored alumni team in annual baseball game

by Duke Carr

The Elba High School Baseball team sponsored its 2nd Annual Alumni baseball game on April 23, 2005. The event brought former Elba athletes back to show off their skills against the Elba athletes of today.

The event began with the second annual Homerun Derby, that saw last year's defending champion Dustin Stinson hit five homeruns with only two outs to take home the crown for the second straight year.

After a landslide victory in last year's game, the Alumni team entered the game with much confidence. With a lot of the Alumni's team still in their prime, they seemed to be the heavy favorites to come away with a victory. However, the Varsity Baseball team saw otherwise.

Behind senior pitcher Clark Skinner, the Varsity Tigers played a very impressive game holding the Alumni Team to only five runs heading into the final inning down 5-4.



Above: Students show off their finished rockets.

Right: A lot of cutting and gluing was involved in building process.



Elba High SGA holds blood drive

by Ashley Gibson

Monday, May 2, the Student Government Association held its second blood drive for the year sponsored by Life South. Donors had to be 17-years-old and weigh at least 110 pounds to give blood. Many students and teachers participated in this event. Members of Student Council volunteered to assist Life South workers as they were needed. Student Council would like to thank all who helped make this blood drive a success.



Kristi Spinks

Journalism Member Spotlight

by Tori Brooks

This week's Journalism Spotlight is Kristi Spinks. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Shirl and Mike Spinks.

Kristi is a very active senior at Elba High. She is involved in Mu Alpha Theta, Senior Beta, and 4-H Livestock Judging as well as being the Secretary of FFA, an EHS Ambassador - Christmas and Homecoming project chairperson and the Clarinet section leader for the EHS Marching Tiger Band and Concert Band. Kristi is also a Vice President of Girl Scout Troop #300.

Kristi enjoys talking on the phone, hanging out with friends, going to the beach, and overall just having fun.

She plans to attend either Montevallo or EOCC, major in social work and minor in business.

EOCC baseball players read to Elba Elementary students

by Brittney Clark

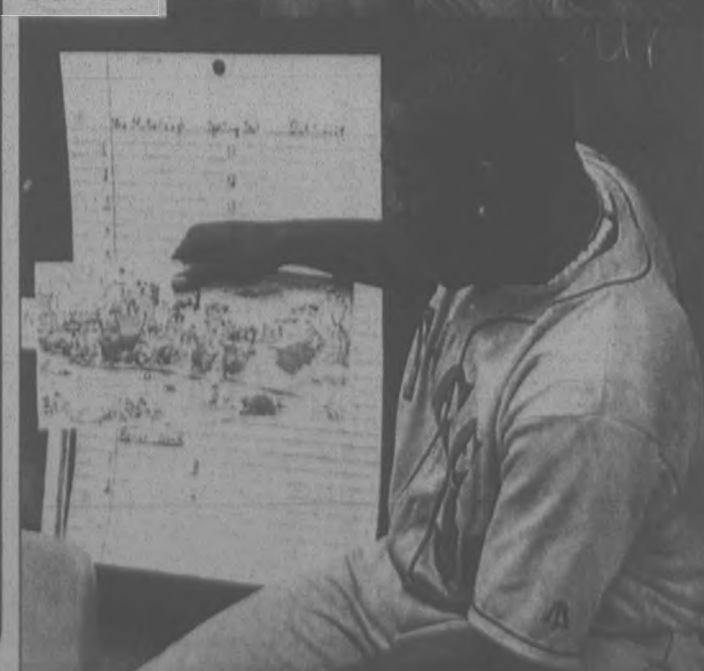
On Friday, April 29, the Enterprise-Ozark Community College baseball players read to the Elba Elementary students.

The name of this program is Reading, Baseball, and Interaction (RBI). The purpose is to teach the players to give

back to their community and inspire the children to work hard and study.

The EOCC baseball players have also read at Windham Elementary in Daleville and at Prineville, Rocker Boulevard, Hillcrest, and College Street in Enterprise.

The program sponsor is Kristi



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Griswold pleasantly waits on the prom guests.

Juniors Emily Hardiman, Brittney Donaldson and Tad Adams

enjoy prom refreshments.

April Students of the Month



Chasity Wood is the daughter of Jackie and Lamar Wood of Goodman. She is a sophomore and involved in Sr. Beta, Volleyball, Math Club, FBLA, FFA, Spanish Club, and Science Club. Her favorite thing about being a student at NBHS is playing volleyball and going to football and baseball games. Her favorite memories from being a student are Homecomings.

Kendall Persin is a freshman and is the daughter of Ken and Tammy Persin of New Brockton. She is in FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, Jr. Beta, and Media Club. Her favorite thing about being a NBHS student is that most people are nice and you can get a good education. She enjoyed all the bus rides to and from football games and musical practices.

Katie Richardson is a junior at NBHS and is the daughter of Mike and Laune Richardson. She is involved in FFA, Math Club, Beta Club, Yearbook Staff, Media Club, Coffee County Youth Leadership, and is a majorette in the Gamecock Pride Marching Band. Her favorite memory from NBHS is being chosen majorette captain and if she could be principal for the day she would take every body out to lunch.

Derrick Cook is the son of Larry Soares of New Brockton and is a junior. He plays football and is a member of FBLA, FCA, Sr. Beta, and the Unique Ministries Drama Team. His favorite thing about NBHS is that he knows everyone. If he could be principal for the day he would have a field day where classes compete against each other.

May Students of the Month

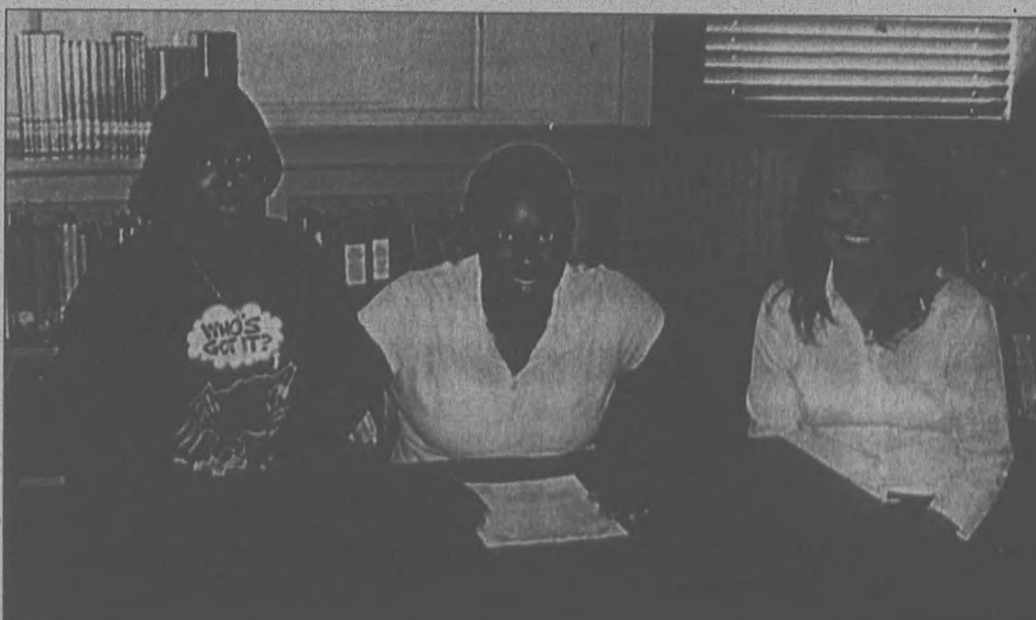


Jessica Parrish is an 8th grader at NBHS and is an active member of the Gamecock Pride Marching Band. She is the daughter of Bobby and Jeannie Parrish of New Brockton. She enjoys reading and is interested in horses. She attends the Elamville Assembly of God Church in Arton.

Kristine Fitzgerald is a freshman at NBHS and is the daughter of Dave and Jennifer Brouillard of Enterprise. She is in FBLA, Jr. Beta, and Media Club. Her favorite memory from being a student at NBHS is Homecoming. If she could be principal for the day she would let everyone wear hats.

Justin Williams is a sophomore and is the son of Ernest and Margaret Williams of Elba. He is a member of the Science Club, Spanish Club, and FBLA. Justin says the best thing about being a student at NBHS is knowing that we have the best teaching staff in the country. His most memorable moment is when the teachers played the students in a basketball game. If he could be principal for the day he would change school hours from 7-4 every day and then take Fridays off.

John Sawyer is a junior and is the son of Joe and Cathy Sawyer of New Brockton. He is a member of FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, SGA, FCA, and plays Varsity Football. He enjoys having a good relationship with everyone and knowing everybody at school.



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Juniors bring a bit of French Elegance to NBHS

The New Brockton High School Junior Class created their own French elegance on April 23, 2005 when they hosted the Jr. St. Prom.

Students and teachers alike escaped to the Parisian Rendezvous, which after months of preparation and one very long week of decorating, was a definite success.

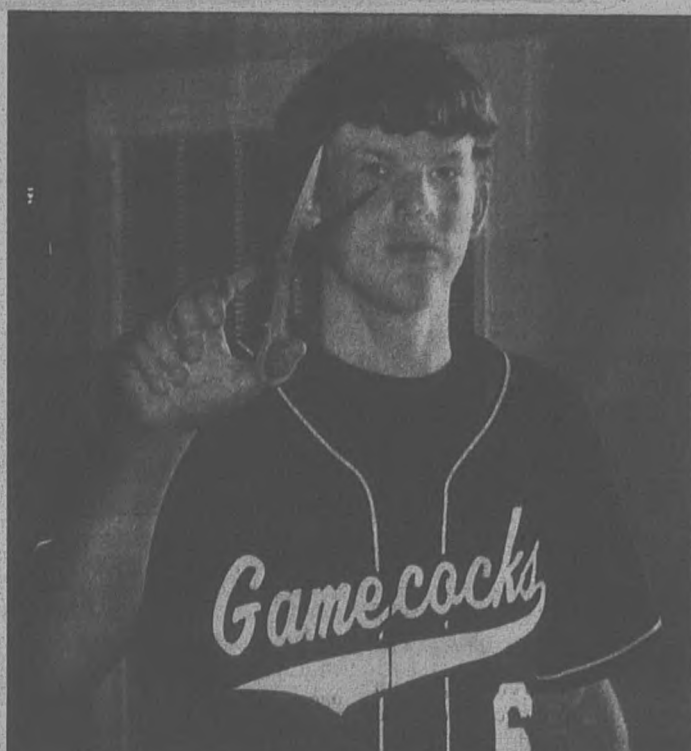
The auditorium was transformed into an outdoor street in Paris with the Eiffel Tower, cobblestone walkways, French cafes, and wrought iron tables. Attendees could then make their way into an elegant French ballroom with columns and marbled walls.

Seniors Sonya Hornsby and Matthew Everhart served as prom queen and king after famed substitute Pedro Torres crowned them both.

With some great photos NBHS plans to enter Anderson's Prom Decorating Contest once again, after winning fourth place last year with Exotic Getaway.



John Sawyer and Felicia Grimes take time to pose in front of the Eiffel Tower at New Brockton's Paris.



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SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Mother's Day was Sunday and I am one of the lucky ones to still have a Mom I can call when I want to hear her voice and visit when I miss her and just need to sit down and talk. I will admit that as the kids grew up and got busy I have called her less and the trips home got fewer and farther between. However, she celebrated her 80th birthday aback in March and since then I have made it a point to call at least once a week and will visit whenever I get a weekend off. I still remember a TV commercial with Bear Bryant from many years ago in which he stated "Have you called your Mother today? I sure wish I could call mine!" Yes, I am one of the lucky ones.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Lady Tigers rolled to three straight wins last week to win the Class 2A, Section 5 Softball Tournament and in doing so earned the home field advantage for the next two rounds of sub-state action. The Lady Tigers rallied late to sneak past Luverne 4-2 in the tournament opener, and then posted wins over county rival New Brockton 10-0 and 3-1 to keep the championship trophy at home. Elba has now taken the first big step toward earning a berth at the state tournament for the first time since making the change to fast-pitch and the girls still have two hurdles left to clear to make school history. It won't be easy, but I am still convinced that if the Lady Tigers can score runs they can get the wins needed and make the trip to Montgomery. The hard part was getting there, now it is time to relax, have some fun and grab that last big goal.

*** High school softball tournaments were held across the state last weekend and it was a good week for Coffee County teams as New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Kinston all advanced to the opening round of sub-state action. The Lady Gamecocks put a lackluster season behind them and claimed two wins to move on in the 2A tourney, while the Lady Rebels made history by advancing for the first time ever and the Lady Bulldogs also punched their ticket to sub-state for the second straight year. All three of the county teams made it to sub-state as the runner-up in their tournaments, but all three posted big wins to keep their seasons alive and are to be congratulated.

*** Spring football practice began last week at Elba and just as Coach Scott Rials promised the drills were physical from the start. The Tigers went out in full pads the opening day and the pads could be heard popping for over two hours as the players hit in drills and went live in team workouts. Coach Rials may be known as an offensive-minded coach that loves to have his teams run up and down the field and score points in a hurry, but this spring he appears to be looking for some players that will also lower their heads and hit somebody. It looks and sounds like the old days are back as far as spring training goes here in Tigertown.

*** A few years back Zion Chapel had to forfeit a football game due to a lack of players, but those days are long gone and Friday night the Rebels displayed just how far the program has grown when they held a spring game and instead of playing an outside opponent had enough players to divide up into two teams and held an intra-squad game. Zion Chapel dressed out 26 varsity and 29 junior varsity players in the spring game and both groups played two quarters in a regulation game. The overall athletic program at Zion Chapel has grown over the past few years and is now beginning to make some noise in all sports. Looks like the guns are loaded again for the Rebels!

*** The Blues, a team in the Elba Dixie Ponytails Softball League, are off to an undefeated start this spring and last week pitcher Lindsey Carney enjoyed her two trips to the rubber as she pitched a total of nine innings and allowed no hits while striking out 20 batters. There were a possible 27 outs in her nine innings of work, and while her teammates did help here with seven, she took care of the other twenty all by herself. The eleven-year-old has been pitching for the past three years on tournament teams and this year has stepped in and been a dominant force in the league.

*** In closing... I talked with new Carroll High coach Ronnie Cottrell last week and greeted him back to the area after too many years away. We talked about the past problems that led to a series of losing seasons over at the Ozark campus and both agreed that if anyone could turn things around it would be him. It is a big job ahead, but I am convinced Carroll got the right man for the job and he will lead the Eagles to many wins.

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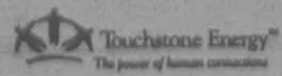
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At Zion Chapel spring game

Childs leads Whites roll past Reds 20-0

Zion Chapel High School held its "Red vs. White" intra-squad football game Friday night with the White rolling to a big 20-0 win as the Zion Chapel Rebels wrapped up spring football drills.

The junior varsity teams hit the field first and while neither team was able to get on the scoreboard there was plenty of action throughout the opening quarter. John Baker had a 10-yard run for a first down to lead the Red offense, while over on defense Chris Walker had 3 tackles and Matt Baker had a sack that resulted in a 6-yard loss. Gatlin Carney had a 9-yard gain to lead the White offense and also made 3 tackles on defense.

The varsity teams hit the field in the second quarter and it took the White only three plays to get on the scoreboard. A fumble recovery by Joe Davis set the White up at the Red 20-yardline, and Abe Childs led his team into the endzone as he gained 11 yards on two carries and then passed to Joey Jones on an 8-yard touchdown toss. The two-point try failed, but with 10:52 remaining in the second quarter the White was on top 6-0.

The White failed to score on its next possession after a fumble recovery by Hunter Wise, but got the ball back at its own 41-yardline after an exchange of

possession and this time needed only one play to add to its lead as Abe Childs broke loose and raced 59 yards for a touchdown. The two-point try was again unsuccessful and with 5:42 remaining in the second quarter the White owned a 12-0 advantage.

The Red offense showed signs of life on its next possession and led by the running of Byron McWaters and the passing combination of Kelsey Roberts to Just Nelson moved to a first down 19 yards. The Red got as close as the White 13-yardline, but turned the ball over when the White's Clay Nelson pounced on a fumble back at the 20.

The junior varsity teams returned to the field in the third quarter and the White appeared headed into the endzone after a 14-yard pass completion from Gatlin Carney to Dustin Woods gave the White a first down across midfield. However, the drive ended two plays later when the Red's Dillon Roberts recovered a fumble to stop the threat.

The teams swapped turnovers late in the quarter as the White's Casey North and the Red's Chris Walker both came up with big defensive plays and recovered fumbles to hand the ball back over to their offensive units.

The White threatened to cut into the White lead late in the third quarter and behind the running of Dillon Roberts and Justin Winters moved to a first down at the White 10-yardline. A 15-yard penalty backed the Red offense to the 25-yardline, and three plays later the scoring threat ended when the White's Abe Childs recovered a fumble at the White 8-yardline.

The White quickly crossed midfield on a 40-yard pass completion from Abe Childs to James Tidwell and appeared ready to add to its lead, only to see the Red defense rise up and stop the threat on downs at the Red 32-yardline.

The White got the ball back on downs at the Red 34-yardline late in the game and needed three plays to score the final points of the night. Chuck Shank gained 17 yards on two carries to spark the short scoring drive, while Abe Childs scored the touchdown on a 17-yard dash. Childs passed to Todd Grant for the two-point conversion as the White put the finishing touches on the 20-0 win.

The White JV was led on offense by Tanner Grant with 9 yards on 4 carries and Gatlin Carney with 7 yards on 4 carries, while the Red offense was led by Justin Winters with 22

yards on 6 carries, John Baker with 20 yards on 4 carries and Dillon Roberts with 16 yards on 2 carries.

The White varsity was led by Abe Childs with 80 yards rushing on 8 carries and 2 touchdowns and 2 for 6 passing for 48 yards and 1 touchdown. Hunter Wise added 16 yards rushing on 3 carries. The Red varsity was led on the ground by Chris Luckenbaugh with 48 yards on 9 carries, while Byron McWaters added 24 yards on 2 carries and Kelsey Roberts added 16 yards on 7 carries.

The White JV was led on defense by Gatlin Carney with 7 tackles, while Garrett Stinson had 4 tackles and Joe Davis and Casey North both had 2 tackles and a fumble recovery. The Red JV was led on defense by Chris Walker with 3 tackles and a fumble recovery and Dillon Roberts with 2 tackles and a fumble recovery.

The White varsity defense was led by Clay Nelson with 5 tackles and a fumble recovery, while Joey Jones added 3 tackles and Hunter Wise and Abe Childs both made fumble recoveries. The Red varsity defense was led by Caleb Downing with 5 tackles, while D.J. Stinson had 4 tackles and Stetson Petty and Kelsey Roberts both made 3 stops.



NEW BROCKTON DUO NAMED "SUPER 12"

New Brockton High School had two players named recently to *The Dothan Eagle's* 2005 "Super 12" high school basketball team. Maressa Loman, pictured above, averaged 19.4 points, 12.5 rebounds and 2.9 steals a game to lead the Lady Gamecocks to sub-region action, while Brett Parrish, pictured below, averaged 20.9 points, 7.5 rebounds, 4 assists, 2.7 steals and 1.8 blocks a game to help the Gamecocks to their best record in four years. (Photos by John Wallace, *Andalusia Star-News*)



Baseball camp set for June 13-16 at Wallace College

Wallace Community College will host a Summer Baseball Camp for kids ages 6-14 at the Wallace Campus in Dothan June 13-16, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The WCC Governors, along with Coaches Mackey Sasser and Pete Coachman, will assist participants in fielding, pitching and batting exercises. Sasser, a former catcher with the New York Mets, and Coachman, a former second baseman with the California Angels, will also sign autographs for the general public at 12:00 noon each day. Registration for the camp is \$80.00. For more information, call Mackey Sasser at 334-556-2416.

Faulkner showcase set

Faulkner University, Montgomery, AL, announces the 2005 Faulkner Baseball Showcase, to be held July 7-9. The showcase is for high school age players, as well as graduating Seniors, who are interested in playing college baseball. The cost is only \$150 and for information please contact Brent Barker at (334)864-7318, or email him at bbarker@faulkner.edu.

SPORTS

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Lady Tigers win three straight to take home section crown

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Class 2A, Section 5 Softball Tournament last weekend and proved to be anything but gracious hosts as they rolled to three straight wins to win the tournament championship.

New Brockton placed second in the four-team event, followed by Highland Home and Luverne.

Following are highlights of the three wins:

ELBA 4
LUVERNE 2

The Lady Tigers scored two runs in their final at-bat to claim a hard fought 4-2 win over Luverne, in opening round action. Elba grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the second thanks to two Luverne errors and an RBI single by Whitney Lawford, but failed to score again for the next four innings and watched as Luverne combined one hit with two Elba errors to pull even at 2-2. A lead-off double by Haley Stinson in the top of the seventh ignited the late Lady Tiger rally, while Kishwana Cole entered the game as a pinch runner for Stinson, stole third and raced home on a fielder's choice to put the Lady Tigers on top 3-2.

Ashley Carpenter delivered a key two-out single to drive in Malloy Allen, who had reached on the fielder's choice, and Elba held in the bottom of the seventh to claim the 4-2 win.

Ashley Carpenter, Stephanie Baxley, Whitney Lawford and Haley Stinson all had 1 hit for the Lady Tigers in the win, while Stephanie Baxley was the winning pitcher as she pitched seven innings and allowed two runs (no earned runs) on two hits and one walk, while striking out 11 batters.



Elba Lady Tiger third-baseman Kayla Miller looks to first after fielding a bunt. Miller had a key hit and scored a run in the Lady Tigers 10-0 win over New Brockton. (Photo by Laura Baxley)



Elba Lady Tiger Yoyo Reynolds slides home to score a run just ahead of the tag of New Brockton catcher Sheri Eaton. Reynolds had 2 hits and scored 4 runs last weekend to help the Lady Tigers win the section tournament. (Photo by Laura Baxley)

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ELBA 10
N.B. 0

The Lady Tigers made it look easy in semifinal action as they posted a 10-0 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, in six innings. Yoyo Reynolds was hit by a pitch to open the bottom of the first for the Lady Tigers and scored to give Elba a 1-0 lead when Stephanie Baxley delivered a key two-out double.

Baxley scored one batter later on an RBI single by Haley Stinson and after one inning the Lady Tigers owned a 2-0 lead. The Lady Tigers seemed ready to go down without scoring in the bottom of the second after the first two batters grounded out. However, the Lady Tigers combined three hits and three walks with two outs still on the scoreboard to plate four runs and grab a 6-0 advantage! A single by Yoyo Reynolds ignited the Elba rally, while a walk to Ashley Carpenter pumped life into the Lady Tigers and both runners raced home when Melanie Mularz ripped a two-run double. A walk and a pair of stolen bases put two more Lady Tigers in scoring position, and Mularz scored on an RBI single by Haley Stinson and Baxley scored on a passed ball as the Lady Tigers took charge at 6-0.

Elba left the bases loaded in the third and stranded one runner in the fourth, but broke loose for four runs in the sixth to end the game due to the ten-run rule. Melanie Mularz opened the inning with a single, followed by a walk to Stephanie Baxley, while Whitney Lawford stroked a two-run double to the fence to up the Elba lead to 8-0. Kayla Miller and Kristen Barnes reached base on free passes, and Lawford and Miller both came around to score on a New Brockton error as the Lady Tigers took control of the game.

Whitney Lawford led the Lady Tigers in the tourney with 4 hits, 2 runs scored and 3 RBI's, while Melanie Mularz added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 RBI's; Haley Stinson had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 RBI's; and Stephanie Baxley had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 RBI's.

Tigers closed out the big 10-0 win.

Melanie Mularz had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Yoyo Reynolds added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Haley Stinson added 2 hits and collected 2 RBI's. Whitney Lawford had 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 2 runs, while Stephanie Baxley had 1 hit and scored 3 runs and Kayla Miller had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Stephanie Baxley was the winning pitcher as she pitched six innings and allowed no runs on no hits and struck out 9 batters.

ELBA 3
N.B. 1

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and pushed across two insurance runs late to ease past New Brockton 3-1 to claim the tournament championship. The Lady Tigers jumped on top 1-0 in the top of the first when Yoyo Reynolds walked, moved to second on a walk to Ashley Carpenter and then raced home on an RBI single by Stephanie Baxley. Elba managed only one hit the next four innings and carried the slim 1-0 lead into the top of the sixth, where the lady Tigers added two runs to move on top 3-0. Yoyo Reynolds and Ashley Carpenter both reached on New Brockton errors to open the sixth inning, and both raced home when Melanie Mularz followed with a two-run double. New Brockton took advantage of two Elba errors to avoid the shut-out in the bottom of the seventh, but the Lady Tigers held on and claimed the 3-1 win.

Melanie Mularz had 1 hit and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Stephanie Baxley added 1 hit and one RBI, Whitney Lawford added 1 hit and Yoyo Reynolds scored 2 runs. Stephanie Baxley was the winning pitcher as she pitched seven innings and allowed one run (no earned runs) on two hits and struck out 10 batters.

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Elba Lady Tigers win one and lose one in final week of regular season

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out the regular season last week and split their final two games as they lost to Opp 2-0 and defeated Highland Home 4-1 to push their record to 15-11.

Following are highlights of both games:

OPP 2
ELBA 0

The Lady Tigers traveled to Opp last Monday afternoon and stranded seven runners on base in a 2-0 loss to the Lady Bobcats. The Lady Tigers left a runner on base in every inning but the seventh, while Opp took advantage of three hits, one walk and one Elba error to plate two runs in the bottom of the fourth and held on to blank the Lady Tigers 2-0.

Krystan Parker had 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Melanie Mularz, Stephanie Baxley and Kristen Barnes all added 1 hit. Brandy Caldwell took the loss on the pitching rubber as she pitched three innings and allowed two runs (one earned run) on five hits and two walks. Stephanie Baxley made a rare relief appearance as she pitched three innings and allowed no runs on no hits and struck out six batters.

ELBA 4
H. HOME 0

The Lady Tigers traveled to Highland Home last Tuesday afternoon and took advantage of four walks and two errors to escape with a 4-0 win over the Lady Squadron. Elba managed only one base runner over the opening five innings, but grabbed a 1-0 lead in the sixth when Whitney Lawford walked and later scored on a fielder's choice. Consecutive walks to Melanie Mularz, Stephanie Baxley and Krystan Parker loaded the bases in the top of the seventh, and the Lady Tigers cashed in the free passes thanks to a two-run



Stephanie Baxley pitched 20 innings and allowed no earned runs while striking out 30 batters to lead the Lady Tigers to the section championship last weekend, in Elba. (Photo by Laura Baxley)

a hit in the win, while Stephanie Baxley was the winning pitcher as she pitched 16 batters.

Composition of bats not a safety factor at any level of play

Following a nine-month review, the American Legion's National Baseball Subcommittee has concluded that there is no substantial evidence to support the claim that baseball bats made from wood are "safer" than bats manufactured from metal or composite materials.

In a 20 year study by the National Center for Catastrophic Sports Injury Research, 7 deaths of high school aged baseball players were recorded. In that same period, there were 6 deaths in soccer, 20 in track, and 92 associated with football.

seven innings and allowed no runs on no hits and struck out 16 batters.



Elba's Ashley Carpenter gets ready to put the bat on the ball in a Lady Tiger win. Carpenter had 1 hit and scored 2 runs in Elba's three wins last week in the section tournament. (Photo by Laura Baxley)



ELBA LADY TIGERS - 2005 CLASS 2A, SECTION 5 CHAMPIONS

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

SPORTS

It was a busy week of action in youth baseball and softball leagues



GOTCHA.... A catcher in the Dixie Angels Softball League pulls in a foul ball for an out in action at Hawkins-Williams Park.

(Photo by Laura Basley)



READY OR NOT.... The first baseman for the Giants prepares to make a catch at first in Coach-Pitch action last week at Hawkins-Williams Park.

(Photo by Laura Basley)



LET THE GIRLS SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.... A batter for the Athletics in the Co-Ed Tee Ball League takes a swing during play at Hawkins-Williams Park.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL

Giants 21 Cardinals 7 - The pirates scored runs in bunches to roll past the Cardinals 21-7. Tanner Hudson, Avery Hanchey, Matthew Marler and Ty Stewart all scored 3 runs to lead the Pirates, while David Bryant, Michael Parrish and Tyler Hobbs scored 2 runs, each. Scoring 1 run were Nicholas Johnson, Hayden Chandler and Derel Cooper. DaQuan Jordan scored 2 runs for the Cardinals and Braxton Robinson, Grant Akridge, Chance Johnson, Talon Flowers and Levi Morgan all scored 1 run.

Giants 12 Cubs 6 - The Giants led all the way to defeat the Cubs 12-6. Tanner Hudson, Matthew Marler, Michael Parrish, B.J. Free and Peyton Wilkerson all scored 2 runs for the Giants, while Avery Hanchey and Ty Stewart both scored 1 run. Scoring 1 run for the Cubs were Cavesea Stinson, Stone Collins, Shawn Carter, Harley Sanders, Romello Jones and Trinton Smith.

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Reds 8 Marlins 4 - The Reds pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to claim an 8-4 win over the Marlins. Austin Johnson pitched a 5-hitter and struck out 9 batters to get the win on the mound, while at the plate the Reds were led by Jon Ashley, Ammon and Harry Griffin with 2 hits and 2 runs scored. Nathan Miller with 1 hit and 1 run scored and Austin Johnson with 2 runs scored. Mason Davis and Corey Richardson both had 2 hits to lead the Marlins, while Hayes Spicer added 1 hit and Logan Bailey scored 2 runs.

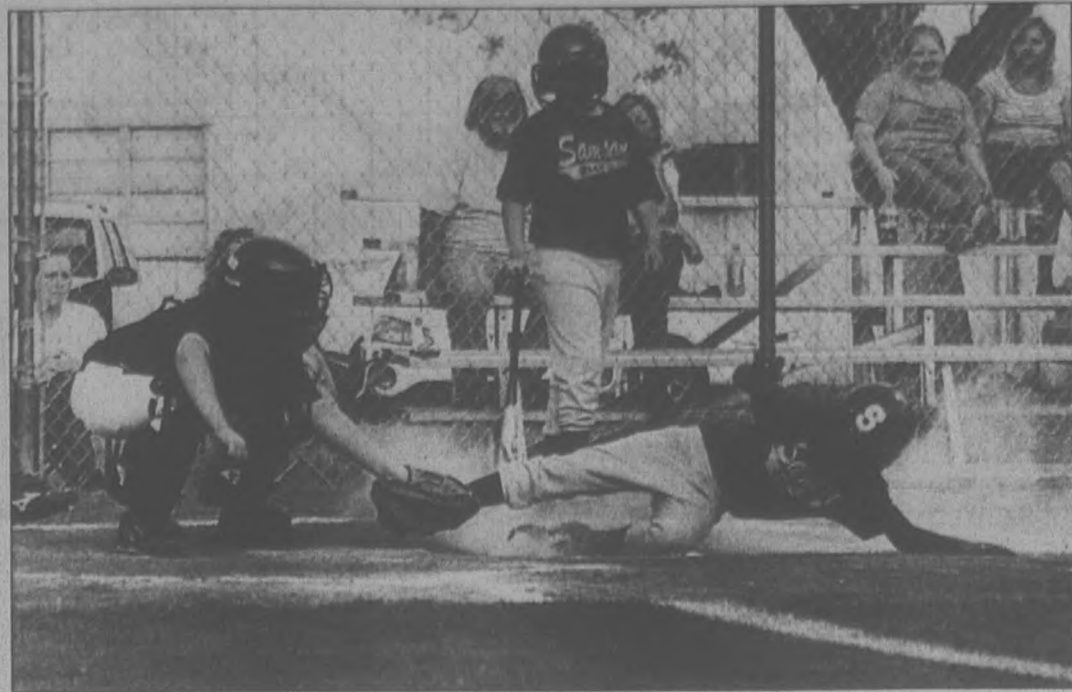
NB Gray 14 NB Cardinal 11 - The New Brockton Gray used an 8-run third inning to pull ahead and held on to outscore the New Brockton Cardinal 14-11. Aubrey Bryant had 3 hits and scored 2 runs, while Hunter Winters had 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Boone Bryant had 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Triston Brust scored 2 runs. Dylan Clarke had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Cardinal, while Kissan Nelson had 2 hits, John Nathan Dunaway and Foster Waters both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Chase Henley had 1 hit, Christian Henley scored 3 runs and Aaron Simon scored 2 runs.

Gray 13 NB Gray 7 - The Zion Chapel Gray scored 10 runs in their final two at-bats to rally past the New Brockton Gray 13-7. Dylan Mobley had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Kyle Boswell and Jacob Golden both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Noah Sanders, Travis Black and Shelby Stephens all scored 2 runs. Jason Sasser had 2 hits to lead New Brockton, while Hunter Winters, Boone Bryant and Nathan Credille all had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Aubrey Bryant added 1 hit.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Kinston 8 Elba 7 - Kinston scored late to slip past Elba 8-7. Kitt Johnson had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and blasted a home-run to lead Kinston, while Ethan Kyser and Dillon Rodgers both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Hunter Parker added 1 hit and Tucker Weeks scored 2 runs. Chase Johnson had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba, while Bo Wiggins added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Gunter McCollough and Jantzen Flowers both had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Chase Sauls added 1 hit.

NB Gray 12 NB Cardinal 5 - The New Brockton Gray broke loose late to roll past the New Brockton Cardinal 12-5. Matt Halstead struck out 14 batters to get the win on the mound and also had 2 hits and scored 2



OUT AT THE PLATE.... A Samson Blue baserunner is tagged out before getting to the plate in recent Dixie Minor action at Legion Field.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

runs, while Tyler Whitley and Garrett Potete both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Keith Stephens had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Garon Stephens had 1 hit and Cody Winters scored 2 runs. Brackin Hutto had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Cardinal, while Adam Bryant, Brandon Farmer and Dillon Ratsky all had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

ZC Red 8 NB Gray 0 - The Zion Chapel Red scored runs in every inning to coast past the New Brockton Gray 8-0. Blake Powell pitched a 1-hitter and struck out 10 batters to lead the Red, while at the plate Powell added 3 hits and scored 1 run. Wesley Black had 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Matthew Griffin added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Tyler Whitley had the only hit for the Gray.

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

ZC Red 12 ZC Gray 8 - The Zion Chapel Red scored 6 runs in their final at-bat to slip past the Zion Chapel Gray 12-8. Ethan Mount had 2 hits and scored 2 runs, while Hunter Winters had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Lance Walden had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring 2 runs were Ashleigh Desanchez, Cheyenne Nelson, Whitney Rugg, Heather Blitz, Morgan Senn and Shelby McCollough. Tara Tillis and Hannah Crews both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Samson, while Erin Bowden had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Caitlyn Kennington, Taylor Walker and Summer Hawthorne all scored 2 runs.

Elba Gold 16 Elba Black 4 - The Elba Gold broke loose late to defeat the Elba Black 16-4. Bradley Wilson had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and blasted 2 home-runs to lead the Gold, while Justin Mallory had 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Dylan McCollough had 2 hits and scored 2 runs. A.J. Johnson had 1 hit and scored 3 runs, Colton Vaughan had 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Jesse Dodd had 1 hit. Richard Cooks had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Black, while Sandarius Reed added 1 hit.

NB Cardinal 9 NB Gray 4 - The New Brockton Cardinal used a five-run third inning to pull ahead and held on to defeat the New Brockton Gray 9-4. David Stinson, Solomon Harris and Jerry Weeks all had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Cardinal, while Anthony Newell added 2 hits, Dashawn Foster had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Johnathan Kelley had 1 hit, Jeremy Johnson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gray, while Justin Griswold had 1 hit and Seih Culverhouse scored 2 runs.

Elba Gold 4 ZC Red 3 - The Elba Gold scored 3 runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to slip past the Zion Chapel Red 4-3. Justin Mallory and A.J. Johnson both had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Gold, while Andrew Head added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Dylan McCollough and Taylor Cotton added 1 hit each. Justin Winters and Matt Brunson both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Red, while Elba Gold had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Brantley 4 NB Cardinal 3 - Brantley pulled ahead early and

held on late to down the New Brockton Cardinal 4-3. Taved Hall had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead Brantley, while Chase Haws, Steven Walker and Anthony Guiley all had 2 hits and scored 1 run and Tori Ushaw had 1 hit. Solomon Harris had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Cardinal, while Ashton Curtis had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Anthony Bryant had 1 hit. The Elba Black made it look easy in a 12-0 win over the Zion Chapel Gray. Richard Cooks tossed a 4-hitter and struck out 10 batters to get the win on the mound, while at the plate the Black was led by Devin Jackson with 2 hits and 2 runs scored. Ryan Pope and Michael Sprinlin with 2 hits and 1 run scored and Brock Lambert, Jonathan Farmer and Aaron Drewery with 1 hit and 1 run scored. Getting 1 hit for the Gray were Steven Petty, Joe Davis, Tanner Grant and Lee Gideon.

DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL

Zion Chapel 20 Samson 19 - Zion Chapel scored six runs in its final at-bat to outscore Samson 20-19. Alex Ketchum had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring 2 runs were Ashleigh Desanchez, Cheyenne Nelson, Whitney Rugg, Heather Blitz, Morgan Senn and Shelby McCollough. Tara Tillis and Hannah Crews both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Samson, while Erin Bowden had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Caitlyn Kennington, Taylor Walker and Summer Hawthorne all scored 2 runs.

DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL



HERE IT COMES.... Elba Gold Bradley Wilson prepares to bring a pitch to the plate in Dixie Boys action at Legion Field.

(Photo by Laura Basley)

Jammers 11 NB Gray 10 - The Jammers scored two runs in their final at-bat to outscore the New Brockton Gray 11-10. Molly McGuire had 1 hit and scored 3 runs to lead the Jammers, while Shabria Thomas and Tasha Phillips both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Aaliyah Horstead scored 3 runs and Selina Dodd scored 2 runs. Abby Dunaway and Kim Perdue both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Gray, while Sloan Cotter had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Megan Jones scored 2 runs.

Blues 12 Samson 0 - The Blues scored early and never looked back to down Samson 12-0. Lindsey Carney and Cortnee Driggers combined to toss a no-hitter and struck out 11 batters to lead the Blues on the rubber, while at the plate Jacquetta Whitfield, Keila Miller and Sidney Crittenden all had 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Lindsey Carney and Cortnee Driggers both had 1 hit and scored 1 run.

ZC Red 7 Kinston 6 - The Zion Chapel Red scored late to down Kinston 7-6. Taylor Faulkner had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Red, while Hillarie Davis, Kelli Behrens and Amelia Perry all had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Sara Mock had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, Shelby Snell had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Brittany Moulton, Erika Rhoades and Bethany Hawthorne all had 1 hit.

Blues 5 NB Cardinal 1 - The Blues pulled ahead early and held on to defeat the New Brockton Cardinal 5-1. Lindsey Carney pitched a no-hitter and struck out 13 batters to get the win on the mound, while at the plate the Blues were led by Carney with 1 hit and 1 run scored and Briana Kingston with 2 runs scored.

NB Cardinal 16 ZC Red 2 - The New Brockton Cardinal made it look easy in a 16-2 win over the Zion Chapel Red. Chelsey Holloway scored 3 runs to lead the Cardinal, while Lynn Kerrigan, Courtney Williams, Aubrey Hawkins and Jamaica Dunn all scored 2 runs. Scoring one run for the Reds were Nicole Napper and Erin Dismukes.

2005 Miss Bronze winners crowned recently

Greater Essence, an African American Christian Women Society, presented the 2005 Miss Bronze Pageant recently in Elba.

The theme of the pageant was "Becoming A Greater Presence With A Greater Essence In Society!"

Serving as Master of Ceremony was Bro. Calvin Carpenter.

There were five separate categories for the pageant including: Tiny Tots (3-4 years), Mini Miss (K-3rd grade), Little Miss (4-6th grade), Junior Miss (7th-9th grade and Miss Bronze (10th-12th grade).

Congratulations to ALL the contestants and winners!!



MISS....(from left) Rashawnda Renae Whitfield, first runner up; Kayla Sha'nise Jones, second runner up; Shai Yelverton, 2005 Miss Bronze; Keleka Magwood, third runner up; and Shawanna Monique Wright, Miss Congeniality.



TINY TOTS....(from left) Anayia Henderson, second runner up; Journee Mitchell, 2005 Tiny Tots Miss Bronze; and Mytia Janee Germany, first runner up.



MINI MISS....(from left) Asia Andrea Sistrunk, first runner up; Kierlan Acquannette White, 2005 Mini Miss Bronze; Garjan Ware, third runner up; and Jessilyn McKenzie, second runner up.



JUNIOR MISS....(from left) Keri Anise Jones, second runner up; Letel Marie Magwood, Miss Congeniality; Kiera Robertson, 2005 Junior Miss Bronze; Richeneas Branae Singletary, third runner up; and Kyau Coleman, first runner up.

WCC announces 2005 graduates

Wallace Community College conferred 569 degrees and/or certificates at separate commencement ceremonies at the Dothan Civic Center and the Eufaula Community Center to their 2005 graduates. Students earning credentials are as follows:

Associate in Applied Science degree was presented to Coco M. Salter of Brantley; Amanda J. Campbell, Lee Anna Davis, Amy L. Jackson, Misty D. Kyles, Keitha M. Lewis, Wendy Ramsey, Jeanette Shelton, Sherry Lee Smith and Dustin L. Stinson, all of Elba. Also receiving an Associate in Applied Science degree was Dawn Allison Baker, of New Brockton.

Students receiving certificates included Sandra J. Latham, of New Brockton and Stacey L. Carter, of Elba.

C.G. Local Emergency Planning Committee to meet

The Coffee County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on May 23, 2005. The meeting will be conducted in the community room at the Coffee County Commission Complex in New Brockton, Ala. This meeting is required by Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986). For additional information, please contact the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at (334) 894-5415. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

POLICE PATROLMEN

The City of Elba, Alabama, is now accepting applications for the position of Police Patrolman.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school graduate or GED.
- Must possess a valid Alabama Drivers License.
- Must possess a good driving record.
- Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Must meet the minimum standards for law enforcement officers as established by Alabama Law. Applicants that are certified by the Alabama Peace Officer's Standards and Training Commission are preferred.
- All applicants are subject to drug screening and back ground check.

PAY RANGE:

\$10.11 to \$14.92 per hour.

BENEFITS:

- Local Government Health Insurance Plan administered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.
- Participation in State Retirement.
- Vacation and Sick Leave.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications can be obtained by contacting Elba Police Department at 304 Simmons Street, Elba, Alabama between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

CLOSING DATE:

Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on the 20th day of May, 2005.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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HIGHWAY 87 1.9 AC w/ 2 BR Frame House and Pole Barn \$28,000	Radial Saw	Drill Press	Table Saw

RAYFIELD REYNOLDS WORKSHOP - Drill Presses (8) - Table Saws (2) - Bender - Wood (assorted types and sizes) - Band Saw - Antique Furniture (50 years of accumulation) - Shop Building and Lot.
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